

49th Annual Paralegal Day!

PROGRAM OF EVENTS

The Pursuit of

Truth and Justice

FRIDAY, MAY 8, 2026

THE ST. LOUIS PARALEGAL ASSOCIATION WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND OUR SINCEREST APPRECIATION TO THE FOLLOWING 2025-26 ANNUAL BUSINESS PARTNERS, VENDORS AND SPONSORS WHO PARTICIPATED IN TODAY'S BUSINESS PARTNER AND VENDOR SHOWCASE AND FOR THEIR GENEROUS SUPPORT AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE SUCCESS OF OUR 49TH ANNUAL PARALEGAL DAY LUNCHEON.

2026 ANNUAL PARALEGAL DAY SPONSORS

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2025-26 ANNUAL BUSINESS PARTNERS

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SHERRY HURST LEGAL RECRUITING

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STL INVESTIGATIONS

VERITEXT

2026 VENDORS

CAPITOL SERVICES

COGENCY GLOBAL

COMPEX LEGAL SERVICES

PLANET DEPO

PREFERRED CAPITAL FUNDING

TRANSPERFECT

PAST SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

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2024 - HANNA JOSEPH

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2021 - LYDIA LEWIS



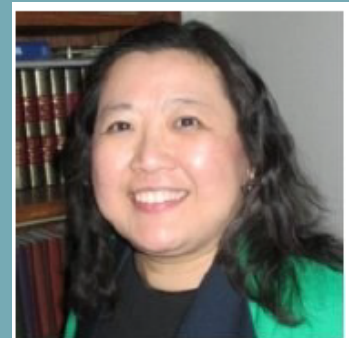
2018 - ALI MABUS

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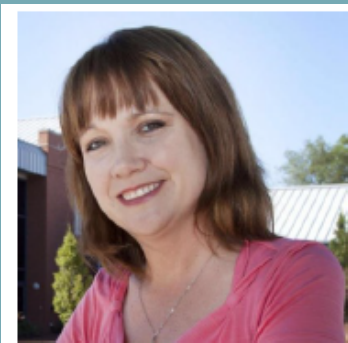
2016 - AMY BAKER



2014 - COURTNEY EIDEL



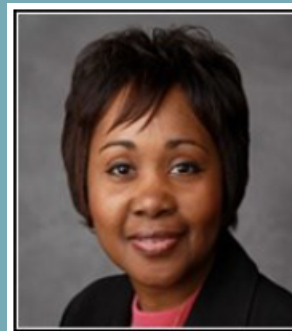
2013 - OLIVIA PIEKNIK



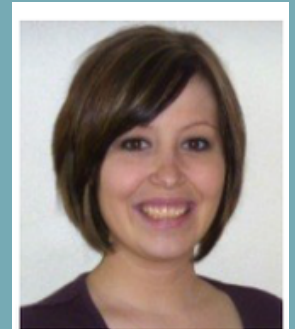
2012 - MARY SOWERWINE



**2012 - MELINDA
MCCLELLAND**



2010 - LADONNA BROOKS



**2009 - SARAH CARNEY
NEE SORENSON**

**NO APPLICANTS IN 2023
AWARDED EVERY 2 YEARS - NEXT AWARDED IN 2026**

PAST SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

CERTIFIED PARALEGAL SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS



2024 - KELLY CODY



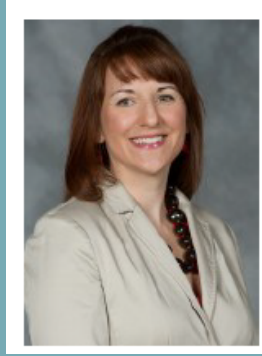
2021 - DANIELLE LUPRISE



2018 - DIANNE BROWN



2016 - FRANK MCKAY



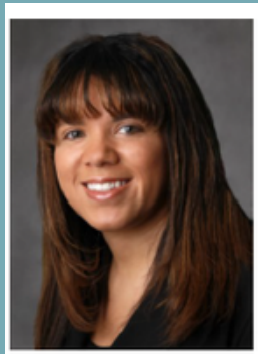
2014 - STELLA ROBINSON



2012 - KELLEY POGULIS



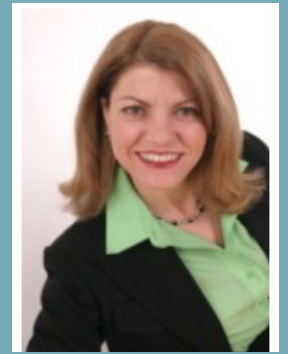
2011 - JENNIFER BEDARD



2011 - DEBRA LOVELESS



2010 - BARBARA CAVICCHIA



2009 - SHARON BROONER

NO APPLICANTS IN 2013, 2015, 2023
AWARDED EVERY 2 YEARS - NEXT AWARDED IN 2026

PAST AWARD RECIPIENTS

PARALEGAL LEGEND AWARD WINNERS



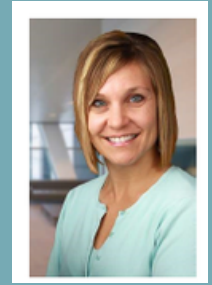
2025 - THERESE MOYIE



2024 - LORI SNEAD



2023 - KATE SHERER



2022 - PATRICIA SACTLEBEN



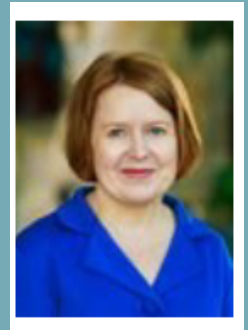
2021 - MARY SOWERWINE



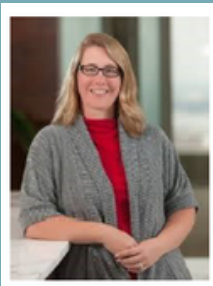
2019 - KELLY HARRIS DETMER



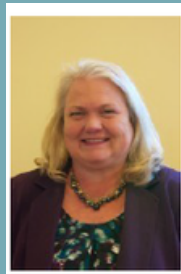
2018 - KATHY FITZGIBBONS



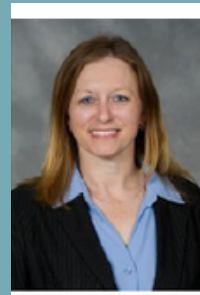
2017 - RHONDA SHAW



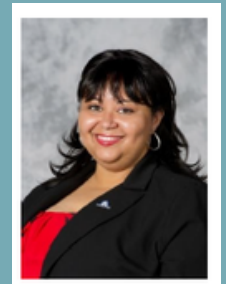
2016 - JEANNINE MOENTMANN



2015 - GERALYN SPACHER



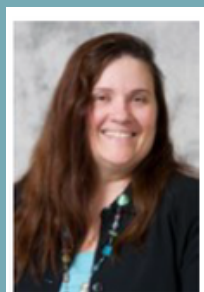
2014 - MANDY CHAPMAN



2013 - KENYA LEONARD



2012 - MICHELE EDSTROM



2011 - ANGIE CONRAD



2010 - BOB CROWE



2009 - LORI HANLON

PAST AWARD RECIPIENTS

RISING STAR AWARD WINNERS



2025 - ABBY ALBERTER



2024 - MORGAN WINTERS

**2024 WAS THE FIRST YEAR THIS AWARD WAS
PRESENTED**

PROGRAM OF EVENTS

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

RECOGNITIONS AND THANK YOU

LUNCH AND KEYNOTE SPEAKER

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS/SCHOLARSHIPS
AND OUTGOING PRESIDENT FAREWELL

INSTALLATION OF STLPA 2026-2027 OFFICERS
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INCOMING PRESIDENT REMARKS AND RELEASE TO BUSINESS
PARTNER AND VENDOR SHOWCASE AND HAPPY HOUR

**CLE CREDIT
PENDING
WITH NALA**

Jonathan B. Potts **Partner with** **Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner**

Jonathan is a class action defense attorney and commercial litigator who represents businesses in high-stakes lawsuits throughout the country. He is the co-leader of the firm's Consumer Fraud Team. Jonathan has spent his career defending multi-state and nationwide putative class actions for clients in all sectors, including e-commerce, financial services, manufacturing, retail, and sports.

Jonathan also has a robust pro bono practice committed to wrongful convictions. In separate instances, Jonathan has exonerated three men wrongfully convicted of murder after spending decades in prison. In 2021, Missouri Lawyers Weekly named Jonathan "Lawyer of the Year" for the exoneration of client Donald Nash of capital murder. Most recently, the Circuit Attorney for the City of St. Louis appointed Jonathan as a special prosecutor to try the first prosecution-led wrongful conviction case in St. Louis history. In 2023, the American Lawyer named Jonathan "Litigator of the Week" for that trial, which resulted in the exoneration of Lamar Johnson after 28 years in prison for first-degree murder.

**During the Luncheon,
Mr. Potts will be our
Keynote/CLE presenter
and will discuss his work
with The Midwest
Innocence Project**





Midwest Innocence Project

**THANK YOU FOR
SUPPORTING THE
2026 APD
CHARITIES**

The Midwest Innocence Project educates about, advocates for, and seeks the exoneration and release of wrongfully convicted people in Arkansas, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, and Nebraska. We are an independent innocence organization that is a part of the national Innocence Network. Through partnerships with law firms, law schools, and volunteers, we provide the very best representation at no cost to innocent people within our region. We also support and empower freed and exonerated people post-release, and work to change the system to prevent wrongful convictions in the first place.

BRENDEN'S BACKPACKS



Hunger can affect anyone, and hundreds of children in our area suffer every day. These can be children in your neighborhood, children that your child sits next to every day at school or children your child plays with at the park. These children don't look forward to the weekends and long school breaks because often they know that they may not have much to eat until they go back to school. School food programs only provide free breakfast and lunch during the week but many times these families struggle to put food on the table over the weekend.

Brenden's Friday Backpacks began in 2011 with 4 children in a single school and has grown to a program that currently feeds over 1600 children in 60 schools throughout Jefferson County on a weekly basis during the school year. Every Friday, each child takes home a bag of single-serve, non-perishable, kid-friendly foods that can be easily prepared and last until the child returns to school the next week. The program is run entirely by volunteers and takes anonymous referrals directly from local schools.

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